

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 18, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Elaine Duke, Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Attorney General Sessions and Acting Secretary Duke,

We are deeply disturbed by the rapid rise of violent white supremacist movements in the United States and urge you to take concrete action to protect the American people.

The events in Charlottesville, Virginia over the past weekend were only the latest reflection of the rise of an organized, concerted white supremacist and neo-Nazi movement in the United States. Coming together with the "alt-right" and other groups, members of this movement are terrifying our fellow Americans and have carried out multiple acts of domestic terrorism, including brutal murders.

There can be no denial of the severity of the problem – the most recent murders in Charlottesville and Portland, Oregon underline the deadly seriousness of the issue. Despite their claims, the white supremacist movement does not seek to simply exercise free speech or agitate for policy positions – it seeks to terrorize and disempower our fellow Americans, including Jews, African Americans, South Asians, Latinos and more. The escalation of violence by those who espouse white supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies demands focused, urgent and concerted action by the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice.

We urge you to work collaboratively to, at a minimum, forcefully condemn illegal activities undertaken by white supremacists, restore grants the Administration wrongly eliminated to groups working to address white supremacy extremism, and ensure that harmful policies that disenfranchise minority groups, like barriers to voting, are immediately reversed.

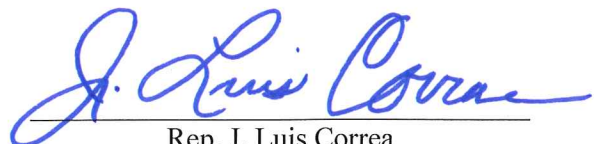
The growth of white supremacist and neo-Nazi activity demands that your Departments work together to put in place actual solutions to fight this scourge, such as providing dedicated resources to protect those at risk, prevent further attacks, and prosecute those who carry out domestic terrorism and crimes in furtherance of the white supremacist or neo-Nazi agenda. Moreover, you should redouble your efforts to provide timely information about such domestic terrorist threats with State and local law enforcement who are on the frontlines, protecting our communities.

The events in Charlottesville must be a wake-up call. As leaders of Departments charged with protecting the American people, the growth of violent white supremacist groups is happening on your watch. We urge you to do everything in your power to protect the American people.

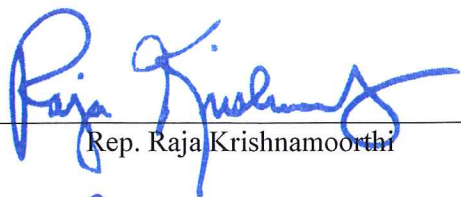
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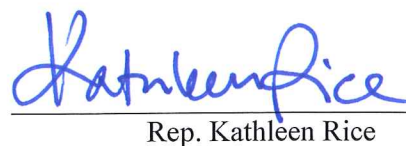


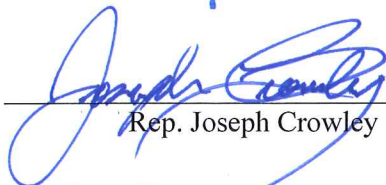
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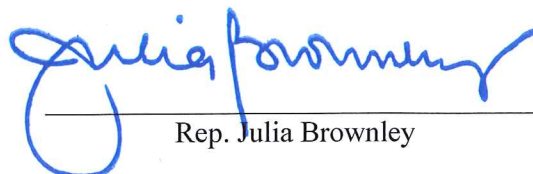

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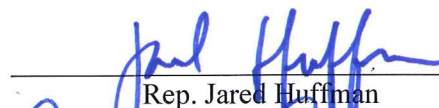

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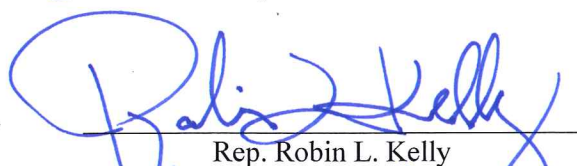

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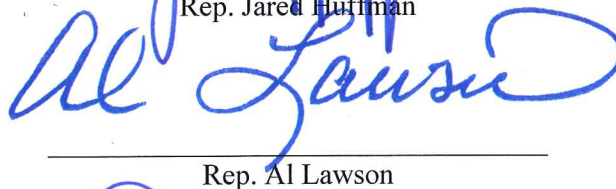

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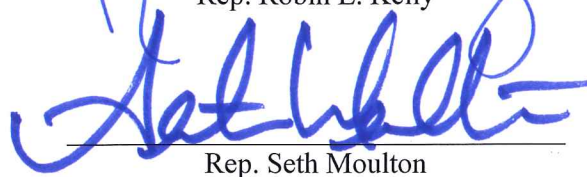

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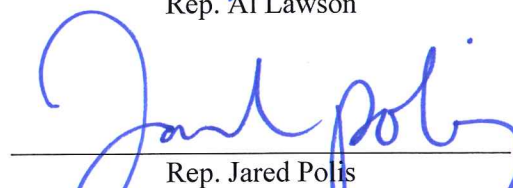

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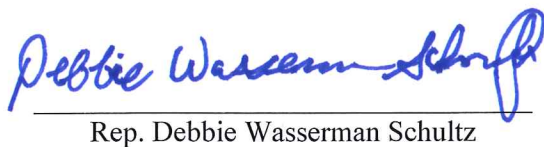

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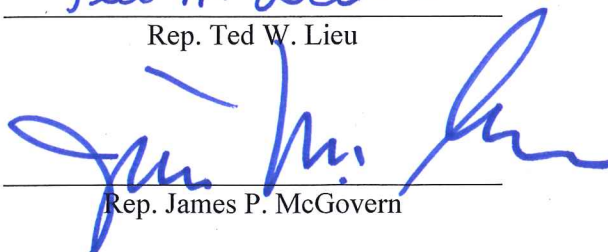

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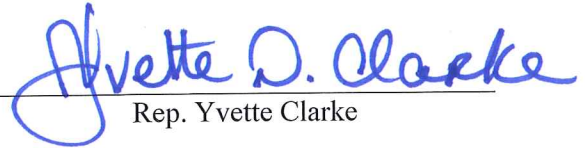

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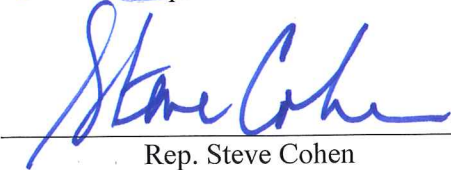

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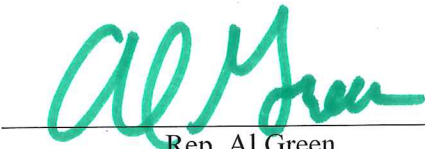
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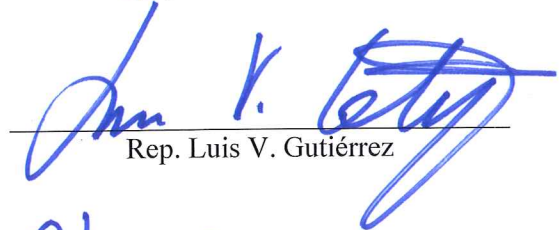
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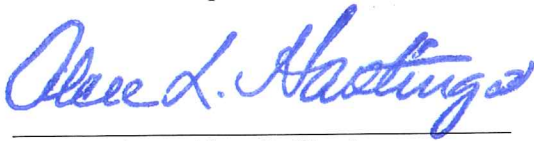
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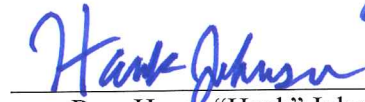
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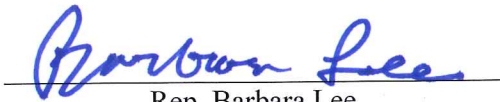
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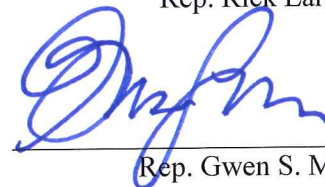
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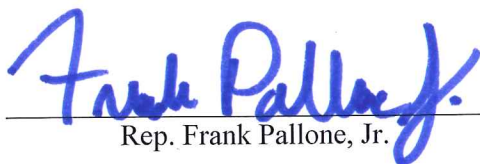
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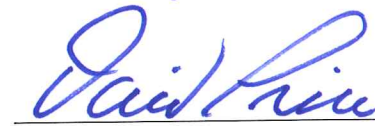
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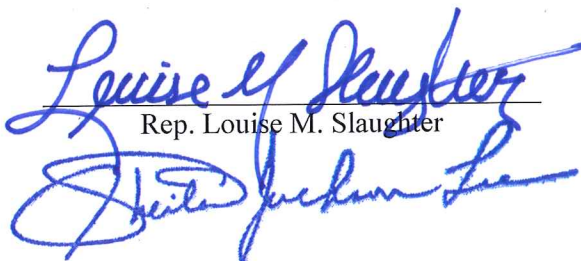
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